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YOSEMITE

After caching a watermelon, an international group took a rambling walk through the northern Yosemite lakes over the three-day Labor Day weekend. The followers of Bob Hackamack and John Surhoff had obviously been recruited from many lands, as was evidenced by the Irish, Swiss, German, Canadian, English, Japanese and Italian names found among the 31 knapsackers (so named because they never get a full night's sleep in their bags).

After swinging some autos over to the Virginia Lakes campground 10 miles away, the group headed resolutely for Virginia Pass. City muscles hardened and fog-conditioned lungs opened as they walked more than nine miles and climbed 2,500 feet through the snow and rock-choked pass to Soldiers Lake. Threading through the rocks and frequently parallel to the trails were streames of the coolest, tastiest water imaginable. Even Scotch couldn't have improved it.

The sun streamed down from a cloudless sky during the day and the stars - so many more in the Sierras than in San Francisco - hovered gently above in the night.

Daybreak found a few swimming in the lake below the 11,333-foot Grey Butte. This developed an appetite for breakfast, which developed an appetite for climbing the Butte. Some did.

Passing down from the lake the group split up; one section walked cross-country to keep altitude; another walked down through a valley and past a former Indian meeting ground before climbing again to cross over a pass; while a third swung around the far rim of the valley and across to Summit Lake, 10,203 feet high.

Here the group lolled about. Some strolled around the deep blue lake, dipped weary feet or sweating bodies into the waters, wandered through grass and bushes, or lay

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POINT REYES BILL SIGNED

On June 15, 1959 the Yodeler fired the opening gun in the Chapter campaign to raise money for the Point Reyes Film Fund.

We said, "When Francis Drake landed on the shores of California, some one in his party donated a coin to go in the Plate of Brasse which proclaimed to the world that here was land worth claiming for the English queen. Drake could hardly have imagined the changes which time would bring to the wild lands he saw, but the curving shoreline south of Point Reyes and the hill country inland from Double Point are still in need of friends to tell the world they are worth claiming for national use...."

We asked for help to tell the world, through the film, and invited readers to follow up the coin donated four hundred years ago. The immediate goal, $1,000 to buy film, was raised through the impetus of Howard Hirstel's gift of $500 in matching funds, and the Chapter was given permission to make a Club-wide appeal which raised $7,000 more.

Mrs. Eric Reynold's superb photography and the combined efforts of Club executives, members and interested friends produced the film, "Island in Time," which was shown throughout the country.

The bill to create a National Seashore Recreation area on the Point Reyes peninsula was started on its way by Congressman Clem Miller. The apparently interminable processes of Congressional approval were finally completed, and on Sept. 13, 1962, the President signed the bill, with Mr. Miller and our Executive Director Dave Brower looking on with pleasure.

But a coin or two is still needed to fill the hole in our modern Plate of Brasse, which will make the National Seashore a reality. This time Congress must provide

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CHAPTER DAY

Oct. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

is a RED letter day
It's Sierra Club Chapt. Day

Open house at West Point Inn
Bring family and friends right in

Bring your lunches
Come in bunches

Now please don't forget
Or you'll be full of regret.

Ways and means of getting to West Point Inn:

For the strong and eager there will be an 8 mile hike from Mill Valley. See your schedule for details.

For the leisure types - drive to Mountain Theater and hike to West Point over Rock Springs Trail - or bus it on 8:15 Greyhound Bolinas bus from 7th & Mission, S.F., to Boot Jack and hike on Old Stage Road to West Point.

All drivers please call the transportation coordinators Mildred Hilkey, S.F., or Evelyn Livesey, E.B. if you can take passengers. Footsore peoples call coordinators for rides.

NO MATTER HOW YOU DO IT, COME!

Patricia M. Bauer

Sierra Club Yodeler

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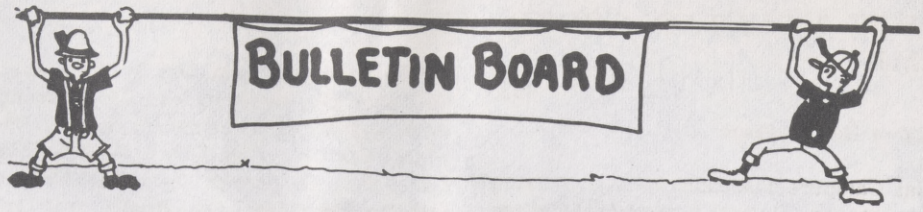
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POINT REYES (Continued)

it. Appropriations are asked after the passage of a bill authorizing a project, and the President requested that five million dollars be appropriated for Point Reyes immediately. It is doubtful if that amount will be supplied this year, and we shall certainly be working for appropriations for the next few years. Until then, the subdivisions remain, the value of land increases steadily, and much natural beauty can be wrecked by careless owners.

We are glad to hear that our friend, James E. Cole, of the San Francisco office of the National Park Service, will be in charge of development of Point Reyes. He knows the whole area well, and has accompanied the Sierra Club on several outings on the peninsula.



SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENT

SEPT. 29-30 - CAR CAMPING - MYSTERY REVEALED. Leaders Thelma Carder and Pat Cone announce that the mystery trip for experienced leisure knapsackers will be an exploration of the granite country behind the west end of Tenaya Lake in Yosemite National Park. Call Thelma (TH 8-6476) for directions so that you can join the group and avoid the hunters that will abound outside the Park. Limit: 25.

OCT. 10 - EAST BAY DINNER. Bird Watchers, Desert Rats and Kindred Souls - This is a special dinner for you. Bert Harwell will show his movie "Forgotten Country" - sandhill cranes, ghost towns, the Navajo, desert plants and animals, and cliff dwellings. This is one of the film sequences Mr. Harwell did for Walt Disney. We'll see you all again at the College Women's Club for this memorable evening. Call early for your reservations.

Corrections on E. Bay Dinner information

1. E. Bay Dinners will be $2.85, not $2,75.
2. We will meet at 6:30; dinner promptly at 7 p.m.

PATRICIA BAUER
Publicity Chairman

OCT. 20 - CORRECTION. The BIG BASIN hike is an easy Grade 2, not Grade 3 as printed.

OCT. 20-21 - CAR CAMPING - VALLEY OF THE MOON. A jolly weekend at Mortons Warm Springs, Kenwood. It's a fifth-year repeat. Sunning and swimming at its best. King-size swimming pool, glass-enclosed. We'll visit the Jack London State Park on Sunday. Arrive Friday night, make a grand weekend of it.

CAMPING FEES:

One night - Adults:	$1.50
Children under 11	1.00
Two nights - Adults	$2.25
Children under 11	1.50

There are tables and fireplaces; better bring wood or stove. Drive through Sonoma, Boyes Springs Rd., Kenwood on H'way 12, follow Mortons signs. Distance: 55 miles one way.

LEADER: Kitch Kitchener TU 5-2224
CO-LEADER: Ruth Goodell
San Pablo 234-5484
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATORS:
S.F.: Ken Grethel VAlencia 6-3634
E. BAY: Pat Brakefield TE 2-8189
2120 West St., Oakland

OCT. 25 - SAN FRANCISCO DINNER MEETING - Bert Harwell, whose wildlife movies have been used in such Disney productions as "Vanishing Prairie" will show his masterpiece "CANADA - Sea-to-Sea" at the S.F. Dinner Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 25. A noted ornithologist, Bert Harwell spent 15 summers in virtually every part of Canada filming its varied wildlife and magnificent scenery. Make your reservations early. Limit: 150 people

Social Hour: 6:15 to 7:15
Dinner: 7:15 p.m. $2.00

Reservations required; please call Dell Dawson, PR 5-6742; or Lillian Hanson, GR 4-3313, before 9 p.m., Oct. 23.

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SPECIAL THANKSGIVING TRIP TO BAJA CALIFORNIA PAI-PAI INDIAN RESERVATION
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This is a fascinating and a seldom-traveled canyon, containing running stream, hot and cold springs, palms and native villages of the primitive Pai-Pai Indians. This is a repeat trip for the San Diego Chapter, and it is well worth while. If interested in coming on the trip, write leader and include your phone number. Deadline: October 21, 1962

JACK HATHAWAY

WEST POINT HOSTESS SCHEDULE

OCT. 6-7 -
Roy & Esther Crites MO 4-1666 anytime
OCT. 7 -
Sierra Club Chapter Day 10 am - 4 pm
OCT. 13-14
Ted & Mary Abeel LA 6-5399 anytime
OCT. 20-21
Florence Barnes SK 2-2400 Daytime
and Delia Busey KE 3-1034 Evenings
OCT. 27-28 - HALLOWE'EN PARTY
Jim & Beth MacBride MO 4-2919 anytime

TAHOE MOUNTAIN GROUP CAMP

Labor Day Weekend

Car Campers descended upon Cloud Camp by the scores. Despite being limited to one campsite instead of the usual two, there was room for all the campers. Cooking space was somewhat crowded, even though the Forest Service brought in additional tables and benches.

On Saturday some of the group chose to go out on their own to drive around Lake Tahoe (it was beautiful), visit Virginia City, Gold Hill, Carson City and Stateline. Others hiked to Heather, Grass and Susie Lakes. And some just lay around on the beaches.

Forest Service representatives from the Tahoe Valley District visited us at Saturday night's campfire. Robert Morris, head of Visitor Information Service, and Owen Evans, in charge of Nature Walks, talked to the group about work being done in the Park. Robert Entzminger, District Ranger, chatted with individual Club members.

Sunday, most of the group drove up to Echo Lake, boated across the lake to the starting point of our hike. Then off we went - in a leisurely fashion, of course - to Desolation Valley. What a feast for our eyes to come out of the woods into the Valley. It is well named, though beautiful. We lunched around Aloha Lake, then returned to camp. Monday morning the gang began to take off, so that all could arrive back home early and safe.

The weather was with us - pleasant during the day, nippy at night. The trees were loaded with new green cones, meadows were still green, a few flowers here and there, a snow patch or two. Some fish cooperated and got caught. And the yellow jackets swarmed at meal times.

Patricia Bauer

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October—November—DECEMBER 8

Call it a Party
Call it a Ball
On the 8th of December
Do Come—one and all!

Christmas party will be at the Sausalito Woman's club, a beautiful place for a party. Save the date and $3 for your ticket.

Mexico Back Country and Peak Climb over holidays, Dec. 16 - Jan. 5, 1963. Plan now.

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BEAR LAKES

The unscouted trip, led by Ike Eikrem on Labor Day weekend, was a loop through what was for some of us new country. The route was over Pine Creek Pass to Elba Lake, then via French Canyon and Meriam Lake to Big Bear Lake, finally over Italy Pass and return.

Our two camping spots contrasted. Elba Lake receives heavy use by people who "pack in" and is in relatively flat terrain. Big Bear Lake is one of a chain and has few visitors. It is in a basin surrounded by peaks. Seven Gables dominates the view to the west. From Big Bear, Joan Lucas led short side trips to Black Bear and Brown Bear Lakes and to Coronet Lake.

Primus stoves were carried in anticipation of the lack of wood in the Bear Lakes area. The stoves were not problem to pack, and delicious meals, even trout, were prepared on them.

And speaking of fish, what could be more thrilling than catching a Golden Trout? We don't know. Tom Peacock claims it is more exciting than being married! Whether it is or isn't, the fishermen had a good weekend; Bob Ryder caught a limit.

Bill Engs

WILDERNESS BILL

The Wilderness Bill, as you may read in your September Bulletin, emerged from a committee in such a state its own parents would not recognize it, and is, in fact, a horrible example of the devious ways of Congressional Committees. What, or who, inspired a committee member to add a rider directing the Secretary of the Interior to open San Gorgonio Wilderness Area to mechanized skiing is something we should like to know, since Sept. 17 (Yodeler deadline) was set as a day for possible debate or passage. The proceedings are so complicated that no comment is possible but if any news comes to hand before printing time we will insert it. Unfortunately it is very unlikely to be good news. C.M.C.

Author Harold Gilliam, whose book on Point Reyes "Island in Time" is just off the press, is now in Washington D.C. for a few months. He was invited there by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall to write some of the material which the National Park Service needs for its brochures and descriptive articles.

HUTCHINSON LODGE WORK PARTIES

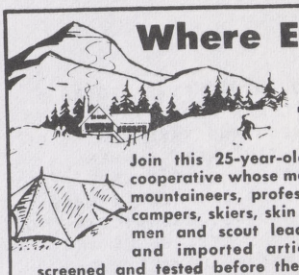
Work parties to maintain and improve Hutchinson Lodge will be held the weekends of September 29 and October 20. Work will consist largely of repairs to walls, roof and water system.



Volunteers will receive food, and lodging at Clair Tappaan Lodge, transportation allowance and priority in making a reservation next ski season. Working hours of 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will permit time for hiking, swimming, etc.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Oct. 27-28, 1962

OUR NIGHT TO DANCE!

The night of the ghouls and goblins approaches. The Sierra Club, along with the Garfield Folk Dancers, will haunt Armstrong Redwoods State Park the weekend of October 27-28.

Just $2.50 per person (plus a nominal car camping fee) covers:

* A barbecue steak dinner with trimmings at 5 p.m. sharp, in Armstrong Grove, Saturday the 27th (complete with wine, yet!)
* Folk dance party, after dinner, in Guerneville. Your ticket stub for admission.
* Overnight camping at Armstrong Grove
* Sunday activities to be planned on the spot.

Folk dancing will be under the able leadership of Edna Spalding, the genial gal who has the knack of lightening the feet of even those who have delved in the art (?) of folk dancing. Edna is Garfield's Monday-night instructor.

Ticket sales are limited to 150 - so act now! Get your tickets from Walt Ochse, 381 Adams Street, Oakland 10 (TW 3-5201) As you may know from sad experience, this annual Halloween Party is always a sellout. Don't be among the disappointed, get with it and send Walt a check!

Driving directions: Allow at least 2 hours for the trip. From Guerneville follow highway signs 2 miles to Armstrong Redwoods State Park.

Transportation Coorinator: Pat Brakefield. Phone TE 2-8189.

Don't forget to bring: (1) Your ticket; (2) tableware for Saturday dinner - plate, cups and silverware; (3) breakfast and lunch for Sunday; (4) sleeping bag; and (5) a full skirt, girls!

See you there! Harry Waterbury

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HELP! HELP! ADVENTURE RIVER TOURS NEEDS A TYPIST-CLERK PART-TIME NOW TO LEARN THE BUSINESS AND TAKE CHARGE OF THE OFFICE FULL-TIME NEXT SUMMER. STARTING APRIL 15. PLEASE DO NOT APPLY UNLESS YOU ARE A SIERRA CLUB MEMBER, ENTHUSED ABOUT RIVERS, AND WILLING TO STAY HOME WHILE THE REST OF US ARE WORKING ON THE TRIPS. LOYALTY IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE AND GOOD, NEAT, ACCURATE WORK GOES WITHOUT SAYING. WRITE TO 2855 TELEGRAPH AVENUE IN BERKELEY.

YOSEMITE (Continued)

peacefully gazing at the restful waters, rock-etched hillside or, far above, a solitary cloud.

The Club's fishermen didn't do too well, but a friendly group of fishermen offered some trout, which made the last day's breakfast the finest. Walking down past the Virginia Lakes to the campground was a delight (there's something about the last day's walk which always is).

While the group waited for the drivers to bring around the autos and watermelon left at the Green Creek campground, an alert anonymous Sierranik discovered a cold beer supply.

The cars soon came, but, alas, alack, the watermelon - apparently discovered earlier by some hungry campers - did not!

There was nothing to do but say "alas, alack," and have another beer!

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